1	2	3	4	5
6.	Application of Ergonomics for Improvement of Working Conditions and Productivity in Factories, Docks and Small and Medium Enterprises	25.0	25.0	26.0

Suggestions by National Commission for Enterprises for unorganised sector

†1787. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Commission for Enterprises in unorganised sector has given certain suggestions to provide social security to the 34 crore labourers in unorganised sector in the country;

(b) if so, the details of such suggestions;

(c) whether any assessment has been made about the funds required to implement these suggestions; and

(d) if so, what is that amount and Government's reaction with regard to acceptance of these suggestions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) and (b) The National Commission for Enterprises in the Unorganised Sector (NCEUS), in its report, has recommended for national minimum social security benefits for unorganised sector workers which, *inter-alia*, include life and disability cover, health insurance, old age protection and any other scheme as deemed necessary.

(c) and (d) The proposal and suggestions of the NCEDS are being examined.

Increase in interest rate of EPF

†1788. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any step is being taken by Government to increase interest rate on Employees Provident Fund deposit for the year 2007-08;

(b) if so, the percentage of increase in the rate of interest;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when the meeting of C.B.T. (Central Board of Trustees) would be called for fixing the rate of interest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) to (c) The rate of interest on

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.